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Aboriginal Legal Service, Redfern	June 1991
Bankstown Multicultural Youth Centre	May 1991
Bidura Children's Court	May 1991
Cobham Children's Court	October 1991
Cobham Juvenile Justice Centre	October 1991
Community Aid Panel, Wyong	February 1991
Community Aid Panel, Wyong	March 1991
Community Aid Panel, Woolloomooloo	January 1992
Community Youth Centre, Stanmore	January 1992
Minda Juvenile Justice Centre	May 1991
Minda Children's Court	October 1991
Minda Juvenile Justice Centre	October 1991
Mt. Penang Juvenile Justice Centre	February 1991
Mt. Penang Juvenile Justice Centre	March 1991
Reiby Juvenile Justice Centre	October 1991
South Sydney Youth Service	June 1991
The Settlement, Redfern	May 1991
The Factory Youth Centre, Waterloo	March 1991
Yasmar Juvenile Justice Centre	May 1991

Yasmar Juvenile Justice Centre	June 1991
Young Offenders Support Team Office, Summer Hill (Juvenile Justice Community Services Office)	May 1991
Youth and the Law Project, Campbelltown	March 1991

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# **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

## Aborigine/Aboriginal:

Wherever the terms "Aborigine" or "Aboriginal" appear, the Committee wishes them to be read as including Torres Strait Islanders.

#### Bail:

The release of a person held in legal custody pending a court appearance. Bail may be granted by the police or the Court. Where bail is denied, an accused person is held in custody.

#### Caution:

A formal police reprimand given to a young, normally first or minor offender who admits to an offence.

A sentencing option available to Children's Magistrates usually for first and/or minor offenders.

## Children's Court:

A specialised court that determines matters relating to children charged with criminal offences and those subject to a care application.

#### **Children's Magistrate:**

A specialist magistrate who presides over a Children's Court.

#### Community Youth Centres:

Office of Juvenile Justice services that offer supervision and counselling to young offenders.

#### Control Order:

A custodial sentence given to a young offender.

#### **Court Diversion:**

A process of steering young offenders away from the court system.

#### Evidence:

Oral information supplied under oath or affirmation to the Committee by witnesses during formal Hearings.

# Juvenile Justice Community Services:

Community-based services provided by the Office of Juvenile Justice for young offenders. Formerly known as Young Offenders Support Services.

#### Juvenile Justice Centres:

Facilities that detain young people who are charged with a criminal offence and have been denied bail, pending their next court appearance, and young people convicted of a criminal offence and given a custodial sentence.

# Juvenile Justice Officers:

Community-based juvenile justice personnel except those involved in the Community Youth Centre program (Office of Juvenile Justice circular number 26/91).

## Probation:

A sentencing option. The sentence normally requires an offender to be of good behaviour for the duration of the sentence. Further conditions generally attach to the order, including supervision.

# Recognizance/Bond:

A sentencing option. The sentence normally requires an offender to be of good behaviour for the duration of the sentence. An offender may be required to forfeit a sum of money if he or she breaches the order.

#### Submission:

Written material supplied to the Committee by an individual or organisation, containing the author's views in relation to the Inquiry.

#### Witness:

A person summonsed by the Committee to give evidence at formal Hearings concerning the Inquiry.

#### Young Offender:

Generally, a person under the age of 18 years convicted of a criminal offence. Under the Children (Criminal Proceedings) Act a person who was under the age of 18 years when an offence was committed and under the age of 21 years when charged before the Children's Court with an offence, may be dealt with and convicted by the Children's Court.

#### Youth Worker:

A person who works with young people, including young offenders. The term can apply to workers in community organisations and to workers in Juvenile Justice Centres.

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